

Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee

Washington Lempster Marlow Gilsum Sullivan Surry Keene Swanzey Winchester Hinsdale

Draft Minutes
June 21, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Keene Public Library
Keene, New Hampshire

ARLAC members present: Barbara Skuly, Chairperson, Swanzey; Carl MacConnell, Marlow; Pablo Fleischmann, Gilsum; John Davis, Surry; Jim Holley & Eloise Clark, Keene; Chuck Mills, Swanzey.

I. Minutes from May 17, 2016 were approved as corrected.

II. Permits.

1. Gilsum Haywood Brook, Wetlands- replace culvert with bridge and re-align brook. Pablo reported on the site and supports the project but questions the impact downstream in terms of erosion and siltation. We also questioned discrepancies in measurements on plans and the application. Barbara will get clarification from the engineer and then send comments regarding downstream affects.

2. Swanzey, Wetlands, and Shorelands (permit by notification) - Plan to re-do West Swanzey Main St. directing run-off into shoreland, which includes a minimum value wetlands, rather than directly into the River as it does now. Our questions dealt with how many trees would be removed, limit of disruption, and the shoreland aesthetic impact. There also is a review of any historical impacts on the site.

3. Swanzey (Westport), Shoreland, D Dunham- Will be adding a basement with drainage to existing house. No details given on drainage and we question where it will go. Will comment asking for plans showing drainage. Noted that this project will not increase the amount of impervious surface, so may not require drainage despite being over 30%.

4. Swanzey, Shorelands (PBN) Thompson Bridge Park, adding flagpole and benches, no concerns.

III. Projects

1. West Street Dam/Hydro, June 2 presentation to City Council by VHB as well as West St. Hydro. The latter stated they may be rethinking their plan for use of flashboards as they are negotiating with agencies regarding required studies.

2. River Monitoring- received \$125 donations from Keene and Surry.

3. Marlow Tin Shop Pond - Carl states those clearing near the Pond are aware of the Shoreland regulations.

4. Marlow bank stabilization noted along Rte. 10 below dam. Appears as work done by NHDOT. Barbara will check as we may've been notified of this.

4. Hinsdale-DES Environmental review 5/31 due to request for State Revolving funds for metering of water. No apparent implications for the River, so we made no effort to comment.

IV. Meetings

1. Instream Flow Rules (Env-Wq 1900) Rulemaking Information Meeting Tue., 6/21, 9:30 to 11:30 am.

2. Ashuelot Pond Paddle, Sat, 6/25, 10am-2pm, Marlow launch.

3. Public Information Session Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport Master Plan Update- 6/29, Keene Library Annex 6:00pm.

4. NHRC Annual Meeting; Black Brook Restoration project. 7/14, 5:30-8pm, Conservation Ctr, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Holley, Clerk